



Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

Get That Late Start

And now, with daylight saving time fully upon us it surely does mean exactly that — you must get a late start when stepping out 'cause who wants to go nite-glubbing during the broad daylight hours?

Like the Pen and Quill for instance where Cy Dubell and his group hold forth nite with some of the most danceable music in the Southland. You just listen to Cy and his outfit and you want to dance.

Incidentally, heard from Charles Babcock over there at the P&Q in Manhattan Beach recently and he wants it known that he is now able to accommodate up to 500 persons with his banquet facilities. Also he says that special menus have been designed with prices that will fit any group budget. Something to keep in mind. Call Charlie at 772-2257 for information and reservations. Mr. Babcock's banquet manager, y'know.

Now following down the road a few stretches to Redondo Beach you'll find one of the finest seafood houses available when you visit Millie Riera's Seafood Grotto at the corner of Esplanade and Avenue I.

This's not only a dinner house featuring fish dishes, steaks and Italian pasta dinners, they're also open for luncheon for your convenience.

With a couple dozen items offered for the nontime fare topped by Catalina swordfish, for \$1.65 you get the whole ball of wax with a choice of soup or salad, garlic bread and coffee. Just the right amount for a luncheon so that you don't feel all lousy half way through the afternoon.

It's a seven-day-a-week operation at Millie's, from 11:30 a.m. 'til 1:00 the following a.m.

Now let's whip on down to Terminal Island and the S.S. Princess Louise at Berth 236 where dinner patrons are presented with a tray of three appetizers as soon as they are seated at the table.

Among these are such goodies as hearts, of palm, pate, and quiche lorraine, all of which give the diner something to munch on or while awaiting their order. Or even while enjoying one of the super S.S. Princess' cocktails. And incidentally, when you look over that menu you'll find about twenty table d'hote items from which to choose.

Here, too, is a seven-day-a-week operation for luncheon, dinner, cocktails and, of course, banquets. For reservations call 831-2351 or 755-2941. You'll be glad you did and so will owner-host Jerry Sutton.

Swing north now for a spell and hit the Santa Barbara area if you feel like spending a delightful Sunday away from home one of these weekends.

Up there at the Santa Barbara Inn, the Sky Room offers a magnificent menu of gourmet dishes starting at a mere \$3.25.

Here now you're assured of great entertainment and dancing far into the nite and with a splendid view of the Pacific Ocean. And if you feel you

may have over-stayed your time a bit, there's always deluxe rooms available at The Inn at a most reasonable cost.

This item hasn't much of anything to do with dining out, or restaurants, although it does involve a libation or two.

It was an interesting happenstance during the filming of "A Minute to Pray, a Second to Die" in Italy.

Seems Alex Cord had to dive into an icy stream in the Italian Alps to elude a posse and the shivering Cord demanded a double for the next take.

Director Franco Giraldi, offering him a glass of cognac replied:

"In Italy, this is the double you use. Take two!" Now d'ya see meant, "take number two" or "take two drinks."

Anywho, "A Minute to Pray" starring Cord, Arthur Kennedy and Robert Ryan should be a good take-in. Its open citywide this week. Yeah, it's a Western!

It's always an enjoyable time to spend an evening at the Galley West Restaurant at the tip of the Palos Verdes Peninsula but it's even more enjoyable when you can be so highly regaled as only you can with The Wilder Brothers on the stand making with their wonderful music and many antics (and that's all in one breath!).

There've been reams and reams of copy written about this great musical aggregation over the years and it's all true 'cause we've never seen anything derogatory scribbled about them anywhere.

To innumerate the instruments that are involved with The Wilders would be well nigh impossible as Warner, Walt and George blow just about any kind of horn ever invented—and all at the same time! How's that grab you? But it sure makes for the really big sound.

There's there Zoro on the guitar and Allen on the drums. Carrying the vocals and general pulchritude of the organization is Linda, the other "brother." You put all this talent together and you've got yourself a fine evening of

entertainment plus some quality cuisine from the kitchen. Make the short hop down to the Galley West Restaurant some nite soon and enjoy yourself.

You've got about five more nites in which to catch Miss Bach-Yen at Hop Louie's Latitude 20 on Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance. She closes her current engagement there Sunday nite.

Opening on Tuesday (they're closed, y'know, on Mondays) it's the always popular Arthur Lyman Group so you don't want to miss this one. Just how long they're booked into the Latitude 20 we can't say at the moment but to be on the safe side, get your reservations nailed down so as not to miss them.

You surely enjoy seafood, doncha? Well one of the finest in this end of town (or the other end, for that matter) is to be had at Castagnola's Lobster House in the King Harbor Marina of Redondo Beach.

To give you some idea of the type cuisine available at the Lobster House let's take a look at the menu for a second.

Like baked oysters Rockefeller at \$2.95, for instance. Delicious! Or the combination seafood platter at \$3.95 shouldn't be overlooked. Lobster supreme goes for \$4.95. And at the same price is what we in this department like to think of as the delight of the entire menu—the abalone gourmet! Such a treat!

In addition to all the foregoing, the Lobster House also features a daily cocktail hour from 4 'til 7 that also includes entertainment and music for dancing. Currently featured is the fabulous Rontal Brothers Trio. Truly, a wonderful dinner house.

One of the newer spots enjoying heads-up business in the Torrance area is a small and intimate spot known simply as Pucci's Wall Street West (well now, that's not so simple, at that) in the Union Bank Bldg. of Del Amo Financial Center.

Mike and Len Pucci operated a highly successful dinner house in the Valley for some years and there it was



LINDA MANNING
Shipwreck Joey's

named simply Pucci's as many Torrance people knew as the Pucci Brothers draw from many miles away.

Wall Street West is open daily from 11 a.m. for luncheon which is served 'til 2:30 in the afternoon and at reasonable prices. Dinner, too, here is reasonable starting at \$3.25 for U.S. choice beef steak and ranging up to \$5.50 with stops in between.

All you have to do is drive down the ramp, grab a ticket from the automatic ticket dispenser, continue on around and down the inner ramp, park your car and take the escalator to the top and you're at Pucci's.

Well you've got another day for swappin' over at the Roadlum Drive-In Theatre. They've added Friday to the list now. That gives you Saturday and Sunday then again Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for buying, swapping, trading, anything! Anything that is but wives.

So it's a giant swap meet five days a week. Mondays and Tuesdays you have off.

In the mood for a T-Bone Steak? Why not wait 'til Saturday and go on down to Wray's Restaurant at 15421 Crenshaw Blvd. in Gardena!

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Got another one nite stand for you folk and country buffs down at Shipwreck Joey's this Sunday nite. It's Linda Manning who's been around for years, and years, and years, and years, and... well, she's actually just 21 years old as of last November. But from all we've heard she sings with the talent of a gal that's been singing for some years.

Linda, an Alabama gal, has quite some considerable credits in the world of show biz despite her tender age. In addition to radio experience, "South Pacific" with the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, leading roles at the Pasadena Playhouse and TV, she's also had time to cut half a dozen records for Mercury so you can easily see she's no new comer to this dodge.

Make it a fun nite for yourself and your date next Sunday.

You might also keep in mind that Thursday nite will be designated "Spaghetti Nite" when you may have all the spaghetti you can eat for a paltry two bits and at which time a guest band will be featured.

Take the same old route down the Harbor Freeway, get off at B&C off ramp, follow around 'til you come to Shipwreck Joey's at the corner of C and Figueroa Sts. You can have fun.

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You should also keep in mind the fabulous banquet facilities the Torrance Inn has to offer so if you're planning a soiree in the near future, remember this spot at 4111 Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance. A lot of you folks will be having some graduation parties coming up soon, no doubt so remember, for reservations, call 378-8511.

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